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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The forty-first session of the Commission on Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 4 February to 15 March 1985. The first meeting will be convened at 11 a.m. on Monday, 4 February 1985.

2. The provisional agenda for the forty-first session is reproduced below. It is drawn up in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council. At its fortieth session the Commission took note of a draft provisional agenda prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII).

3. The forty-first session of the Commission will be preceded by meetings of three groups, which will take place from 28 January 1985:

(a) In connection with item 12 (b), and in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1984/145, a working group composed of five members of the Commission will meet to examine such particular situations as might be referred to the Commission by the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities under Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970 and those situations with which the Commission is seized.

(b) In connection with item 13, and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1984/25, an open-ended working group will convene to facilitate the completion of the work on a draft convention on the rights of the child;

(c) In connection with item 16, and in accordance with Commission resolution 1984/7, the Group of three members of the Commission appointed under article IX of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid will convene to consider reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article VII of that Convention.

4. In connection with item 11, the Commission decided, in resolution 1984/59, to consider at its forty-first session, in the light of discussions at the thirty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the establishment of an open-ended working group to continue the over-all analysis with a view to further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of programmes and methods of work of the Commission and alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

5. In connection with item 12, the Commission decided, in decision 1984/116 to establish at its forty-first session an open-ended working group to draft a declaration on the right and responsibility of individuals, groups and organs of society to promote and protect universally recognized human rights and fundamental freedoms.

6. In connection with item 19, and in accordance with Commission resolution 1984/60 and Economic and Social Council decision 1984/139, an exchange of views was to take place during the forty-first session of the Commission between a spokesman of a working group - established by the Sub-Commission at its thirty-seventh session to study in depth the working methods and the programme of work of the Sub-Commission, including its relationship with the Commission and the Secretariat - on one hand, and the Commission or a working group of the Commission on the other.

7. In connection with item 20, the Commission decided, in resolution 1984/62, to establish at its forty-first session an open-ended working group to continue consideration of the revised draft declaration on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities, proposed by Yugoslavia, taking into account all relevant documents.

8. Any decisions or resolutions affecting the provisional agenda of the Commission which may be taken by the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth session or by the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session in 1985 will be brought to the attention of the Commission in an addendum to the present document. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will also be issued in an addendum.

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Organization of the work of the session.

4. Question of the violation of human rights in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine.

5. Question of human rights in Chile.

6. Violations of human rights in southern Africa: report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Experts.

7. The adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa.

8. Question of the realization in all countries of the economic, social and cultural rights contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and study of special problems which the developing countries face in their efforts to achieve these human rights, including:

   (a) Problems related to the right to enjoy an adequate standard of living; the right to development;

   (b) The effects of the existing unjust international economic order on the economies of the developing countries, and the obstacle that this represents for the implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

   (c) Popular participation in its various forms as an important factor in development and in the full realization of all human rights.

9. The right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation.

10. Question of the human rights of all persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment, in particular:

   (a) Torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

   (b) Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances.

11. Further promotion and encouragement of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the question of the programme and methods of work of the Commission; alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

    National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights.

12. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories, including:

    (a) Question of human rights in Cyprus;

    (b) Study of situations which appear to reveal a consistent pattern of gross violations of human rights as provided in Commission resolution 8 (XXIII) and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1235 (XLII) and 1503 (XLVIII): report of the Working Group established by the Commission at its fortieth session.

13. Question of a convention on the rights of the child.

14. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers.

15. The role of youth in the promotion and protection of human rights, including the question of conscientious objection to military service.

16. Implementation of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.

17. (a) Study in collaboration with the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities of ways and means of ensuring the implementation of United Nations resolutions bearing on apartheid, racism and racial discrimination;

    (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

18. Status of the International Covenants on Human Rights:

    Elaboration of a second optional protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty.

19. Report of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities on its thirty-seventh session.

20. Rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

21. Measures to be taken against all totalitarian or other ideologies and practices, including Nazi, Fascist and neo-Fascist, based on racial or ethnic exclusiveness or intolerance, hatred, terror, systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms, or which have such consequences.

22. Advisory services in the field of human rights.

23. Implementation of the Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief.

24. Draft provisional agenda for the forty-second session of the Commission.

25. Report to the Economic and Social Council on the forty-first session of the Commission.